

**FACILITATING INTEGRATION OF COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK
EQUIPMENT INVENTORY MANAGEMENT**

Abstract of the Disclosure

A physical asset management system as disclosed herein is capable of carrying-out
5 a method for facilitating integration of communications network equipment inventory
management. In at least one embodiment of the method for facilitating integration of
communications network equipment inventory management, the method includes
assigning system-readable identification to an asset item of a communication network,
receiving the system-readable identification of the asset item at a physical asset manager
10 in response to installing the asset item in the communication network, and creating an
informational link between an on-line sub-object of the asset item and an off-line sub-
object of the asset item. The system-readable identification enables the physical asset
manager to create the informational link between the on-line sub-object of the asset item
and the off-line sub-object of the asset item.